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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) One hundred and thirty secondary schools under local bodies and 248 secondary schools under aided managements, Sir.

" (b) Rs. 8,31,600 in respect of secondary schools under local bodies and Rs. 26,43,300 in respect of secondary schools under aided managements.

" (c) It is not obligatory on the part of the managements to adopt the Government scales of pay. The main reason for the reluctance of local bodies and private managements to adopt these scales is their inability to shoulder the additional financial liability even though Government aid is given in respect of private schools to meet a major portion of this additional cost."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is obligatory on the part of the Government to give grants at all to these schools which do not give the Government scales of pay to the teachers employed in them?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have given option to these schools to adopt the Government scales of pay or their own scales of pay and it is obligatory on the part of Government to give them the grants."

Dispute between the management and the workers of Sait Nagi Purushothama Company, Kozhikode, Malabar.

* 111 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Labour Officer, Malabar, has recommended to the Government to refer to the Tribunal for adjudication the labour dispute between the management and the workers of Sait Nagi Purushothama Company, Kozhikode, Malabar, regarding wage increase, bonus, medical and leave facilities, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Recommendations, if any, of Labour Officers in such cases are confidential and cannot be divulged.

" (b) The Government considered that there was no case for adjudication. A suitable reply was sent to the Union."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister the reasons for turning down the request of the Labour Union to refer to a Tribunal the adjudication of the labour dispute between the management and the workers? May I also know from the Hon. Minister details of the profits made by the Company?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As regards the grant of bonus in 1951–52, the Government have found that there was no case for the grant of bonus to the workers as the Company had sustained a loss. As regards the bonus in

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1952–53, it was reported to the Government that the balance-sheet of the company was not yet ready. The Union has, therefore, been advised by the Government to wait till the balance-sheet is made available."

Payment of honorarium to the ex-President of Purameri Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, North Malabar.

* 112 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received through the Collector of Malabar a memorandum, dated 30th September 1953 from the present President of Purameri Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, North Malabar, complaining against the illegal payment of Rs. 2,607–7–0 by way of honorarium to an ex-President; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. But a representation was received from the hon. Member who has put this question. It was examined in consultation with the Collector and a detailed reply was sent to the hon. Member."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the reply sent shows that the Government could not take any concrete action because the files connected with this affair were missing in the Collector's office. May I request the Hon. Minister to conduct a thorough enquiry into the whole affair? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The person responsible for the loss of the file was removed from service."

Schemes for providing employment.

* 113 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have forwarded any proposals to the Planning Commission in accordance with the Commission's letter No. PC (VI)L(E)/1-5-54, dated 23rd March 1954, regarding power facilities for increasing employment opportunities;

(*b*) if so, the number of proposals and their estimated cost; and

(*c*) the extent of financial assistance expected from or promised by the Central Government?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) Eight schemes costing about Rs. 447·22 lakhs.

" (*c*) No promise has been made by the Central Government but the Madras Government hope that loans to cover the full cost will be forthcoming."